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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Morihiro IWATA et al.

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For: PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM RETRIEVAL METHOD
OF A RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
USING INITIAL DATA RETRIEVAL QUERY AND
SUBSEQUENT SUB-DATA UTILIZATION QUERY
PROCESSING FOR MINIMIZING QUERY TIME (as
amended)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 20, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2000 (Paper No. 4) , entry of the following amendments to the above-identified application, prior to reconsideration and re-examination, is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **add new claims 49-53** as follows:

- 1 **—49.** A database system, comprising:
- 2 a plurality of first servers which operate a database, and which retrieve
- 3 data from said database; and